PROPOSITIONS OF PEACE

Propounded by both Houſes of Parliament, TO

The Kings Maieſty:

FOR

A Reconcilation of the Differences between his Majeſty and both Houſes of Parliament.

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Our Majesties most humble and faithfull Subjects, the Lords and Commons in PARLIAMENT; having nothing in their thoughts and desires more precious, and of higher esteeme (next to the honour and immediate service of God) then the just and faithfull performance of their duty to your Majesty and this Kingdome; And being very sensible of the great distractions, and distempers, and of the imminent dangers and calamities which those distractions and distempers are like to bring upon your Majesty and your Subjects, all which have proceeded from the subtill in-

ſinuations, miſchievous practiſes and evill counсels of men diſ-affected to Gods true Religion, your Majeſties honour and ſafety, and the publike peace and proſperety of your People: After a ſerious obſervation of the cauſes of thoſe miſchiefs, doe in all humility and ſincerity preſent to your Majeſty their moſt dutifull Petition and adviſe: that out of your Princely wiſdome for the eſtabliſhing your owne honour and ſafety, and gratious tenderneſſe of the welfare and ſecurity of your Subjects and Dominions, you will be pleaſed to grant and accept theſe their humble deſires and propoſitions, as the moſt neceſsary effectuall meanes through Gods bleſſing, of the removing thoſe Jealouſies and differences which have unhappily fallen betwixt you and your People, and procuring both your Majeſty and them a conſtant courſe of honour, peace, and happineſſe.

The Propoſitions of Peace.

1.

That the great Affaires of this Kingdom may not bee concluded or tranſacted by the advice of private men, or by any ſtrange or unknowne Counſellors; but that ſuch matters as concerne the publique, and are proper for the High Court of Parliament, which is your Majeſties great and ſupreame Councell, may be debated, reſolved, and tranſacted onely in Parliament, and nor elſewhere; And ſuch as ſhall preſume to doe any thing contrary, ſhall be reſerved to the cenſure of Parliament; And ſuch other matters of State as are proper for your Majeſties privie Councell ſhall be debated and concluded by ſuch of the Nobility and others as ſhall from time to time be choſen for that place by approbation of both Houſes of Parliament; And that no publique Act concerning the affaires of the Kingdome, which are proper for Privie Councell, may be eſteemed of any validity as proceeding from the Royall Authority, unleſſe it be done by the adviſe and conſent of the Major part of the Councell atteſted under their hands. And that your Councell may be limited to a certaine number, not exceedinh 25. nor under 15. And if any Councellors place happen to he void in the intervals of Parliament, it ſhall not be ſupplyed without the con-

[redacted] the major part of the Councel, which choice shall be confirmed at the next sitting of the Parliament, or else to be void.

2.

That the Lawes in force against Jesuites, Priests, and Popish Recusants, be strictly put in execution, without any tolleration, or dispensation to the contrary; And that some more effectuall course may be enacted, by Authority of Parliament, to disable them from making any disturbance in the State, or deluding the Law by trust or otherwise.

3.

That Your Majesty will be pleased to consent that such Reformation be made of the Church Government and Liturgy, as both Houses of Parliament shall advise, wherein they intend to have consultations with Divines as is expressed in their Declaration to that purpose. And that your Majesty will contribute your best assistance to them, for the raising of a sufficient maintenance for Preaching Ministers through the Kingdome. And that your Majestie will be pleased to give your consent to Lawes, for the taking away of Innovations, and superstition, and of Pluralities, and against scandalous Ministers.

4.

That your Majesty will be pleased to rest satisfied with that course that the Lords and Commons have appointed for Ordering the *Militia*, untill

uniill the ſame ſhall be further ſetled by a Bill, and that your Majeſty will recall your Declarations, and Proclamations againſt the Ordinance made by the Lords and Commons concerning it.

5.

That ſuch Members of either Houſe of Parliament, as have during this preſent Parliament been put out of any place and Office, may either be reſtored to that place and Office, or otherwiſe have ſatisfaction for the ſame upon the Petition of that Houſe whereof he or they are Members.

6.

That the Juſtice of Parliament may paſſe upon all Delinquents, whether they be within the Kingdome or fled out of it. And that all Perſons cited by either Houſe of Parliament may appeare and abide the cenſure of Parliament.

7.

That the generall Pardon offered by your Majeſty may be granted with ſuch exceptions as ſhall be adviſed by both Houſes of Parliament.

8.

That the Forts and Caſtles of this Kingdome may be put under the command and cuſtody of ſuch perſons as your Majeſty ſhall appoint with the approbation of your Parliament. And in the Intervals of Parliament with the approbation of the Major part of the Councell in ſuch manner as is before expreſſed in the choice of Counſellors. That

That the extraordinary Guards and Military forces now attending your Majesty may be removed and discharged. And that for the future you shall raise no such guards or Extraordinary forces, but according to Law, in case of actuall Rebellion or Invasion.

And these our humble desires, being granted by your Majesty, we shall forthwith apply our selves to regulate your present revenue in such sort as may be best advantage, and likewise to settle such an ordinary and constant increase of it, as shall be sufficient to support your Royall dignity, in honour and plenty, beyond the proportion of any former grants of the Subjects of this Kingdome to your Majesties Royall Predecessors. And chereefully employ the uttmost of our power and endeavour in the reall expressions and performance of our most Loyall affections, to the preserving and maintaining the Royall Honour, Greatnesse and the safety of your Majesty and your Posteriry.

Whereas wee the Lords and Commons have ordered, that it be referred to the Committee for for safety of the Kingdome, to prepare Heads of an Humble addresse unto His Majestie, for composing the present Differences and Distractions, and setling the Peace of the Kingdome, and to present them to the House.

To prevent all Misconstructions or Neglects, whereby our just defence may be hindred, We do Declare, that the preparation of forces, and all other necessary meanes for the defence of the Protestant Religion, the Priviledges of Parliament, the Lawes and Liberties of the Subject, shall be prosecuted with all vigour.

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